

REMARKS

Claims 1-40 have been canceled without prejudice, and new claims 41-53 have been added. These claims have been substantially copied from U.S. Patent Application Number US2003/0059877 by Mosselman et al., filed on December September 19, 2002 and published on March 27, 2003. Claims 41-53 essentially correspond to claims 1-13 of the '877 application. Accordingly, claims 41-53 are currently pending. Support for the newly added claims can be found throughout the specification

Applicants submit herewith (as Appendix A) for consideration by the Examiner, U.S. Patent Application Number US2003/0059877 by Mosselman et al..

No new matter has been added. Any amendments to and/or cancellation of the claims should in no way be construed as an acquiescence to any of the Examiner's rejections and was done solely to expedite the prosecution of the application. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the claims as originally filed in this or a separate application(s).

CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments and remarks set forth above, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. If there are any remaining issues or the Examiner believes that a telephone conversation with Applicants' Attorney would be helpful in expediting prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (617) 227-7400.

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